## SHUSTER SENDS REPLY TO CABINE

Accepts Dismissal in Compliance With Russia's Ultimatum.

#### CHIEF CONCERN FOR ASSISTANTS

No Decision Has Been Reached as to His Fourteen American Aides-Meetings Held in Various Mosques to Protest Against Action of Government.

huster, the American Treasurer-Gen office by the Cabinet in com with the demands contained in the Russian ultimatum, to-day sent reply to the Cabinet, in which he stated his willingness to hand over his accounts when his successor is named. He added that his chief solici-tude now was for the welfare of his fourteen American assistants, concern-ing whom nothing has yet been de-cided.

us mosques to protest against action of the government. The tter of the interior has issued an

latest dispatches from Tabriz The latest dispatches from Tabriz report a temporary full in the fighting. A telegram from Shiras, province of Fars, where a boycott has been instituted against the Indian troops, reports an attack on the Indians near Rezeroon, in which two Sowars were killed. The situation there is regarded as serious.

Not Formally Cauceled.
ashington, December 26.—AmeriTreasurer-General Shuster's cont with the Persian government te
age the finances of Persia has
been formally canceled so far as
State Department can learn. A
extram received to day from Amercan Minister Russell, at Teneran, how-ever, dealt with plans seing made to get Mr. Shuster and his family safe-ly out of Persia. Hence, it is assumed that the formalities attending the termination of Mr. Shuster's activities in that country will not be long de-layed.

The meagreness of the news that is coming to the outer world from the Persian capital has led to the suspicion that a severe censorship in being exercised over the news dispatches by the Russians, who control some of the telegraphic channels of communication. The last preceding dispatch from any of the State Department's representatives in Persia came last Saturday from Mr. Paddock, consul at Tabriz, and referred briefly to desuitory street tighting in that city.

Continue to Kill.

The Russian troops continued to kill Persians in Tabriz, according to dispatches received in Washington to-day from official sources in Teheran. Callagrant for the continues of the

ms from the Persian capital dethat alleged Russian atrocities so aroused the Persian people it will be impossible now to about an amicable settlement be-Russia and Persia Persian attitude is declared to be one of growing hostility

### Russian Dend 100.

St. Petersburg, December 26.—A telegram from Tabriz says that the total loss of the Russians, killed and severely wounded, in the recent fighting in that city is about 100. Several bodies of Russian soldiers have been found partly burned.

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The director of the Persian department of the Russian Foreign Office, in an interview to-day, said that the government was convinced that the Persian government was not concerned in the anti-Russian outbreak at Tabriz or claswhere. Those responsible were principally Armenians, and extension principally Armenians and criminals.

Boycott Is Urged. London, December 27,-The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily relegraph says that through the medium of Count Stenbok, formal ingrehal of noblity of Kherson, an overwhelming majority of the Zemstvo members in that province are addressing all Zemstvos in Eussia proposing a hoveout of American machinery and a boycott of American machinery and This action, it is urged, should be taken as a protest against American interference in Russian internal

### FORESEES GREAT SAVING Hitchcock Proposes to Extend Second

Class Mali Freight Service.

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New York, December 26.—Postmaster-General Frank II. Hitchoock intends to extend the practice of carrying second-class mail by fast freight trains. He so stated in an answer he filed in the United States Circuit Court to-day in the case of the Review of Reviews Company, which complained of discrimination because its magazines were carried by freight

complained of discrimination because its magazines were carried by freight instead of by mail trains through the Middle West for distribution to far distant points. The Postmaster-General says the government lost 7 cents a pound on all second-class matter transported from New York to the Pacific coast by mail trains in 1907-1908, but that since early this year, when the fast freight rule was enforced on certain periodicals issued at intervals of a week or more, a saving of \$1,400,000 has been made. The rule so far has been applied only to the so-called third contral section, but as soon as contracts with railroads in three contracts with railroads in three other sections expire the rule will be enforced in other sections. This, says the Postmaster-General, will make ar annual saving of \$3,000,000 fin the transportation of second-class mail.

BEST SERVICE TO CALIFOANIA, andard or Tourist, Latter personally contoled without change, Berth 12 Wash, must Route, 507 E. Main St.

Captain Hains Says There Has Been No Reconciliation with His Former Wife.

Washington. December 20.—Captain Peter C. Hains, Jr., to-day flatty denied reports circulated to the effect that he had remarried his former wife. Claudia Ibbbey Hains, on whose account he killed William E. Annis three years ago.

When seen by a reporter at the office of his father, General Peter C. Hains, where he is working, Captain Hains said that there is not a single word of truth in the statement that there had been a reconciliation between himself and his former wife. "I only got my divorce about four weeks ago and had to pay money for it," said Captain Hains, "so I am certainly not trying to reach any reconciliation with my former wife. As for the reports that were circulated in New York and elsewhere as to our remarriage, I guess it was a case of too much Christmas celebration on the part of certain parties. It is absolutely falso, and there will never be any reconciliation between us."

Captain Hains Says There Has Been No Reconciliation. Details of the part of chain on with the father, with offices in the Union Trust building. It is not decided how long he will remain in Washington, and If he leaves here it will be to superintend work elsewhere under his father's orders. Both he and General Hairs said they deeply regretted the numerous reports that have been circulated since Captain 1992, by which the government that have been circulated since Captain 1992, by which the government that have been circulated since Captain 1992, by which the government that he appears the content of the c

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#### LOCKOUT ALMOST CERTAIN

Both Sides Stand Firm in Langashire
Cotton Wrangie.

Manchester, England, December 25.—
Nothing has happened to warrant the
hope that the lockout of 160,000 cotton
workers, in Lancashire can be averted.
The lockout is scheduled for to-morrow, and officially both sides maintain
an uncompromising attitude. The
weavers in the Halene mill, at Accrington, went on strike December 20
because of the employment of nonunion labor. Two days later the committee of the Lancashire Cotton Spinners' and Manufacturers' Association
decided to lock out the workers in
all the mills belonging to the federation as a protest aganst the attempts
of trade unionists to force weavers
to join their ranks.

To-day was a general holiday, and
few cotton men remained in Manchester, Therofore, it was not possible to
ascartain the views of the majority,
but among some there is a disposition
to refer the dispute to the Industrial
Council, of which Sir George Askwith,
the noted strike-sottler, is president.

Meanwhile, the original cause of the
dispute—the refusal of a man and his
wife to join the union at Accrington—
is likely to be removed. It is said
that the man has agreed to join and
that his wife will leave town.

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it is expected in the event of a general
shut-down of the weaving sheds that
they propose the early closing of the
spinning mills in Lancashire, as it is
pointed out, that it would be ruinous
of continue spinning years while the
loons are lifte. This would cause a
seneral suspension of labor in the cotton districts.

### TAFT IS MERCIFUL

Four Federal Prisoners Made Happy by His Christmas Clemency.
Washington, December 26.—President Taft has dispensed Christmas cheer to four Fderal prisoners through commutation of sentence. The pathetic appeal of a prisoner's eighty-year-old mother for the son she had not seen for twenty-five years caused the President to commute to expire at once the sentence of William J. Key, who pleaded; guilty in 1996 at St. Joseph, Mo., to coutnerfeiting. His eight-year term would have expired April 21 next. The President also commuted to expire at once the life sentences of Howell Cobb. an Indian, who pleaded guilty to murder at Sapulpa, I. T., in Howell Cobb, an Indian, who pleaded guilty to murder at Sapulpa, I. T., in 1898, and Charles Hopkins, a negro, convicted of murder in the District of Columbia, in 1894.

The sentence of Fayette F. Armstrong, convicted at Fort Smith, Ark., of violating the retail liquor license law, scheduled to expire May 20, was shortened by a month and a half.

### RESUME DYNAMITE PROBE

Angeles for Inquiry.

Los Angeles, Cal., December 26.—
The Federal investigation into the alleged nation-wide dynamiting conspiracy, which was interrupted by day, A. I. McCormick, United States

day. A. I. McCormick, United States attorney for this district, who returned last week from Washington, was busy familiarizing himself with evidence obtained in his absence by the special government prosecutor.

Important witnesses, labor union leaders of San Francisco, who were summoned last week and then excused over Christmas, were expected to return to Los Angeles either to-night or to-morrow morning, in, order to be ready to testify when the Federal grand Jury resumed its sessions to-morrow. It was thought to-day that by Friday of this week the inquisitors would make a report. to-morrow morning, in, order to be ready to testify when the Federal grand jury resumed its sessions to-morrow. It was thought to-day that by Friday of this week the inquisitors would make a report.

### BLANK CHECKS STOLEN

Negro Is Arrested While Attempting to Pass One of Them Forged.
Washington, December 28.—The theft of eight blank navy paymaster's checks from the battleship Mississippi, and an alleged attempt to pass at least one of the more of the pass of the total pay the United States accret service. Thomas Words, a negro mess attendant on the warship, is under arrest in Online and the warship, is under arrest in Philadelphia, having been captured by sceret service operatives while attempting, it is charged, to cash at the Philadelphia Subtreasury one of the Instruments for \$225, forged with the nature of Paymaster Robert Orris, of the Philadelphia navy yard. Four other checks, forged in the same handwriting, it is alleged, were found in possession of Words. The detectives are endeavoring to find the other three checks.

### MOTHER DRIVEN FRANTIC

Attempts to Kill Children in Belict
She Had Polsoned Them.
Seneca Falls, N. Y. December 26.—
Drivon frantic, it is thought, by her
belief that she had given her two children polson in mistake, for medicine,
Mrs. Anna Curle, wife of a prominent
merchant at Waterloo, Seneca county,
sought to save them from a death of
torture to-day by slashing their wrists torture to-day by slashing their wrists with a paring knife. The woman then tried to commit suicide by making ugly gashes in her own wrist. All have a chance to recover

# TO ABANDON PLAN

Could Not Secure Funds

# GIVEN TO COURT

When New York Capitalists Decline to Furnish Needed

olan for a \$509,000,000 merger of the n 1902, by which the government ontends it was sought to control the

revealed to-day in the trial of the ten Chicago packers before United States District Judge George: A. Carpenter.

The contract, which was dated May 31 1902, was read to the jury and offered in evidence by counsel for the government. The original agreement was produced in court by Albert H. Veeder, attorney for Swift & Co., who was called by the government as its first witness.

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Plan Is Abandoned.

Attorney Veeder testified that the plans for the merger were abandoned, and that in March, 1903, the National Packing Company was organized to operate certain important packing companies purchased with a view to including them in the big company.

Under the terms of the agreement, the three large packing corporations and their subsidiary companies, together with recently acquired important companies, were to be merged into one concern. Armour, Swift and Morris were to receive bonds and preferred stock of the new company in payment for value of their tangible property. In addition to this, the promoters were to receive \$25,000,000

\$1,000,000 with a Chicago bank as evidence of good faith, but they were compelled to drop the plan because of the failure of certain New York capitalists to furnish the funds needed.

Make Immunity Plea.

Previous to Veeder's testimony the defense made an unsuccessful attempt to have excluded from the government's case all transactions evident.

ment's case all transactions prior to 1905, on the ground that the immunity plea which freed the packers when they were indicted seven years ago should apply to that period. Judge Carpenter, while reserving his decision to give the government time to reply, indicated that he would deny the motion.

Veeder admitted that the packers had some sort of an organization which

had some sort of an organization which met every Tuesday in the Counselman building in Chicago on the same floor with his law office, and that his son with his law office, and that his son, Henry Veeder, acted as secretary in 1900, 1901 and 1902. He did not know the name of the association, and it was not on the door of the office, and he did not know what business was

ransacted at the meetings.

The government contends that it was at these meetings that the price of meat was fixed and plans discussed for the suppression of competition.

wifery in the Canal Zone must be licensed by the board of health. As modified by the President, the order shall not be construed "to prohibit the practice of the religious tenets of any church in the ministration to the sick or suffering by montal or spiritual means without the use of any drug or material remedy, whether gratuitously or for compensation, provided that such sanitary laws, orders, rules and regusanitary laws, orders, rules and regu lations as now are or hereafter may be in force in said Canal Zone are com

The order as modified takes effect January 1:

### LIVING AS ONE DEAD

Man Struck by Trolley Perfectly Well, but is Unconnelous.

South Norwalk, Conn., December 26.—
To live for years as one dead is the peculiar fate which seemingly awaits George Cohen, of New York, who is a patient in a local hospital. Five weeks go Cohen was struck on the head by a trolley car, and since that time has remained in a comatose condition Medical experts, who have given groat attention to the unusual case, fear here is little hope for the man's recov

Every resource of science has been ticine, illent tried to restore Cohen to consciousness, but all have failed. Despite his allment, Cohen is physically strong and wrists then the shows no indication of dissolution save by a natural death. In the cpinion of experts, he may continue for years in his present condition, unless some un-

### SAW FACES AT NIGHT

RICHMOND, VA., WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1911.

SAW FACES AT NIGHT

Tormented by Visions, Murderer Gives

Himself Up.

Baltimore, Md., Decomber 26.—Haunted by "islons of his victim, John Henry
Martin surrendered to the police here
to-day, declaring that he was the murderer of William H, Mickle, an old
storekceper in Seventh Street, Washington, on November 17. Martin, who
appears to be a nervous wreck, said
that he entered the store, struck the
man over the head with a wrench, took
the contents of the cashdrawor and fled
He said that he went to West Virginia
and did not know that the man he assaulted was dead until he read it two
weeks age in a Washington newspaper.

saulted was dead until he read it two weeks ago in a Washington newspaper. He saw also that some one clse had been arrested for the crime.

The memory of his deed and the thought that an innocent person might suffer for it, drove him to a Catholic confessional, where he told his story to the priest. It was on the advice of the latter, Martin said, that he surrendered himself.

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Martin formerly lived at Cumberland, Md. He has been in Baltimore only a few days, he said.

Martin told the police that his first thought after reading of the arrest of another for the murder, was that he had had a lucky escape.

"Then," he said, "I began worrying, I could not rest; I could not sleep; I have been in misery.

"I would rather be hung or have anything else done to me than to be tormented by my thoughts. The man

anything else done to me than to be tormented by my thoughts. The man I killed kept a cigar store on Seventh Street. Washington. I went in there and asked him for money. He refused me and I struck him over the head with a monkeywrench. Then I ran away. I went to West Virginia and came here about three weeks ago from Berkley Springs. I am a baker by trade, and am not married. Ever since I read that I had killed the man I struck I have seen faces at night when I was in bed. I can see the ture of that cigar store.

### COUNT'S PLEA REJECTED

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Rome, December 26.—The Vatican has declined to grant Count Boni de Castellane an annulment of his marriage with Anna Gould, who is now the Duches, of Talleyrand and Sagan. Countess de Castellane was granted a divorce from her husband and given the custody of their three children on November 14, 1906. About a year ago Count Boni applied to the Vatican for annulment of the marriage.

For several months past the Congregation of the Council has had underadvisement the process received from the Archishopric of Paris concerning the case.

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Count Boni came to Rome on December 20 for the purpose of using all possible influences to obtain his object. In this he was not opposed by the Duchess of Talleyrand. The decision of the Congregation of the Council, however, which was communicated to him yesterday, rejected his pelition-for-auminment. The ground on which the application was denied was summarized as follows:

"A marriage celebrated and consummated. If performed according to the law of the church, as, until proved to the contrary, it was in the case of the Castellane-Gould marriage, is indisseluble. There are certain impedimenta, which, if existing before the marriage, can prevent its celebration, or, it celebrated in ignorance of them, render the marriage invalid, in which case the church can proclaim that the union of the parties never in reality existed. But in the arguments brought forward by De Castellane no such impedimenta have been shown."

Count Boni left here to-night for Paris. He expects to return to Rome about the middle of January. It is believed that he will bring forward new points on which to base another application for annulment.

### DEFENDANTS GIVEN TIME

Be Filed Until February 1.
Trenton, N. J., December 25,—
nited States District Attorney Vreend, in the United States Circuit Court. the government contends that it was at these meetings that the price of meat was fixed and plans discussed for the suppression of competition.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE UPHELD

Taft Rules That It May Be Practiced in Canal Zone.

Washington, December 26.—President Taft to-duy settled the vexed question of allowing the practice of Christian Science or other non-medicinal methods of healing the sick in the methods of healing the methods of healin

the Minnesota group of many and companies secured an extension and companies secured an extension some time ago to January 1, and thus far they have not asked for further time. It is believed here, how-ver, that all of the defendants who ask for it will have their time for filing answers extended to February 1. extended to February 1.

### WOMAN'S POLITICAL PLUM

Miss Hadrich, of Marquette, to Serve as Governor's Secretary.

Lansing, Mich. December 26.—For the first time in the history of the State of Michigan, unless Governor Osborn changes his mind, a woman will act as private secretary to the Chief Executive. Miss Mary F. Hadrich, of Marquette, for seventeen years private secretary to Churles S. Osborn, and now in Governor Osborn's office as his executive clerk, is, it is understood, soon to be appointed his secretary, to assume her new duties January I. Though prominent in politics for a number of years, Miss Hadrich is not a suffragette.

a guirragette.

During Mr. Osborn's gubernatorial
campaign in 1910 Miss Hadrich had
charge of his Sault Ste. Marie office.
Major Hull N. Travis, the Governor's secretary, is to be made a mem per of the State Pardon Board.

### ADOPTS GIRL INTO TRIBE

Stanley Committee Witness Has Powers of Indian Chiefs.

Duluth, Minn., December 26.—Leofidas Merritt, of Duluth, who gave testimony before the Stanley committee in Washington, is a Chippewa Indian by adoption, and as the chiefs of the Nikaniss band of the Chippewas are now all dead, this distinction gives Mr. Merritt the right of adoption.

While he was in Washington, it is now made known, he adopted Miss Katherine Green, of Henderson, Ky., Into the band. Back in 1856, when "Lon" Merritt was a boy of twelve

into the band. Back in 1856 when "Lon" Merritt was a boy of twelve years, Chief Loon Fopt adopted him.

His Sentiments at Vari-

#### SENDS LETTER OF SEVEN PAGES

In Reply to Invitation He Characterizes as "Traitors" All Who Attend and Do Not Agree With Purposes of Meeting-Taft Has Accepted.

New York, December 26,-Close he heels of one great peace meeting. which was broken up by disturbers opposed to the ratification of Presiden arlsen over what is being planned a: country ever has seen, to be held her Saturday night. It developed to-day according to a member of the committee in charge of the dinner, that former President Roosevelt had replied to a semi-official invitation to attend the function at which President attend the function at which President
Taft will be principal speaker with a
letter declaring that his sentiments
were wholly at variance with those to
be expressed at the effa'r, and censuring as "traitors" to their principles all who accepted invitations to the
dinner without agreeing with its purposes.

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To arrange a peaceful program, the executive committee of the national commission in charge of the dinner uation. At a meeting of the executive committee last Wednesday a resolution was adopted in executive session authorizing an official invitation to Mr. Rooseveit, but the secretary, whowas told to send the invitation, did not do so in a formal way but met late to-day and discussed the sit wrote to Mr. Roosevelt first to learn his views. A member of the committee, who would not have his name printed, said to-night that Mr. Roosevelt had replied with a seven-page letter in effect as stated above, leaving no doubt whatever that he would not attend in any circumstances. In another interview to-day Mr. Roosevelt repeated his intention not to attend. John Temple Graves was selected to-day as toastmaster of the dinner, at which it is expected to seat 1,800 prominent persons, including a whole prominent persons, including a whole special train load of diplomats from Washington. A letter received from President Taft to-day was read. He agreed to be present and to make a speech.

New York, December 26.—Theodoro Roosevelt amounced this afternoon that he was taking no part in the New York State political situation, and that "not a single human being" had asked him to lend his influence to the support of any candidate for the Republican pomination for Governor. asked him to lend his influence to the support of any candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor next year. Previous to his announcement, Colonel Rooseveit had an hour's conference with Darwin P. James, Jr., president of the Young Republican Club, of Brooklyn.

"They haven't asked me because I'm not in politics," he replied when asked if he had been requested to further the candidacy of any one for the Republican nomination for Governor.

"You have had callers who talked politics, haven't you?" Colonel Roose-

politics, haven't you?" Colonel Roc

velt was asked.

"The people are afraid to come to see me," he replied, "because they think they will be compromised by this talk of politics. But I'll see anybody; I'm not afraid of being compromised."

Many Years.

Los Angeles, Cal., December 26.—In many of the orange districts of Southern California, last night's weather was the coldest registered in many years. In one section the mercury fell to 16 above area with the coldest registered was the coldest registered in many years. years. In one section the mercury fell to 16 above zero, while in San Bernardine the thermometer registered 22, and in Riverside 20 degraces above. Persistent smudging probably has saved the growing crop from injury, but in some districts to-night's temperature is awaited with anxiety. erature is awaited with anxiety. What damage already has been done

s not considered sufficient to bring

Speedy Action of Legislature Would Make It Possible.

Boston. Mass., December 26.—With the coming trial of Rev. Clarence V. T. Ifscheson, charged with the murder of his former sweetheart, Avis Linnell, less than two weeks away, public interest in the case was increased considerably by to-day's developments. elopments. One of these developments was the

One of these developments was the appearance of Rev. George E. Horr, president of the Newton Theological Institution, where the accused clergy-man appeared for the pulpit, at the office of District Attorney Pellitier. Although no statement was given out at the conclusion of their conference, it is believed the district attorney questioned Dr. Horr as to his knowledge regarding the engagement of Richeson to Miss Linnell.

An attempt to have a private trial

Richeson to Miss Linnell.

An attempt to have a private trial of the accused minister was made to-day by the filing by a local attorney of a petition for the incoming Legislature to enact a statute which would cause the exclusion from the court room of all persons not connected with any case which involved the decency and morals of the community. As the Legislature convenes on the third of next month, rapid action in adopting the proposed bill would make it effective in the Rücheson case.

Three hundred summonses were issued to-day upon voters to serve on the special jury panel.

of Maticolm C. Patterson.

Seattle, Wash., December 26,—Inquiry into the sanity of Malcolm C. Patterson, son of former Governor Malcolm R. Patterson, of Tennessee, who shot and wounded R. T. Seal, on December 7, was begun to-day by a commission of physicians. The first testimony was concerning a serious illness in Memphis, which, it is said, affected young Patterson's mind while he feeted young Patterson's mind while he ected young Patterson's mind while he was a boy. The illness, it was testi-fied, had resulted in later years in at-

fied, had resulted in later years in at-tacks of opliopsy.

Former Governor Patterson testified that during his son's school days he fulled to attain more than a mediocre record. He resorted to low companion-ship, refusing to associate with per-sons of his family's social standing, which frequently led him into many unseemly escapades, one resulting in his helms sinshed across the face with

a knife.

The father further said that one time he received a telegram saying his son was seriously ill in a Denver hospital. He went to Denver and found the boy in perfect health. Finally he sent Milcolm to the coast in the hope his health and middle health and nis health and mind might be im-proved. He protested that he believed

Captain O'Haver, of the Memphis police, testified that young Patterson had been in frequent brawls, and that at one time he was held ten days in the city jail. He did not believe the prisoner sane.

### TWO DISASTERS AT SEA

Spanish Vessel Goes Down.
Glasgow, December 26.—The British steamer Guillemot, from London for Genoa, foundered in the Bay of Biscay December 21. The captain and fifteen of her crew were lost. Seven survivors were picked up by the British steamer Lincairn and landed here to-day.

Immediately after rescuing the survivors of the Guillemot, the Lincairn sighted a Spanish steamer, whose name she could not discover, in distress. Before the Lincairn was able to proceed to her assistance, the Spanish vessel

o her assistance, the Spanish vessel oundered, with all hands.

The Guillemot belonged to the General Steam Navigation Company, of London. She was a vessel registering 1,134 tons net, and was built at Campbelltown in 1894.

### COSTLY GIFTS BARRED

### TRIBESMEN REPULSED

They Leave Many Dead on Field After Buttle With Spaniards, Madrid, December 26.—Further fight-

ing is reported in official dispatches which reached here to-day from Me-illa, Morocco. There have been sev-eral engagements between Riff tribesthe crop below the average.

Has White Christmas.

San Francisco, Cal., December 26,—
For the first time in years Central fr. California has experienced a "white Christmas" not white with real snow, but a mantle of frest that almost answered the purpose.

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# SECRET TRIAL FOR RICHESON UNDERWOOD RAPS **MODERN CURE-ALLS**

Initiative and Referendum Criticized in Richmond Speech.

#### MEETS HUNDRED AT DINNER TABLE

Probable Presidential Candidate Guest of M. C. Patterson. Byrd Commends His Shunning of "False Gods." Other Speakers Add to Occasion.

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FATHER THINKS SON INSANE

Former Governor Testifies at Hearing of Malcolm C. Patterson.

Criticism of the initiative and refersendum as principles of American government marked the after-dinner speech of Representative Oscar W. Underwood, of Alabama, at the Commonwealth Club last night. "You cannot tell me," he said, "that the people of this country are more able to adopt an honest measure than to select an lionest man."

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His argument was directed toward the proposition that the people know when a candidate is honest and wan trust him to legislate, when they might not master the intricacies of proposed legislation.

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One hundred guests of Malvern C One hundred guests of Malvern C. Patterson were seated at the dinner tendered Mr. Underwood, who is chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives and a probable candidate for the presidency of the United States. The gathering was a representative one of the men of Richmond, and it was the generally expressed opinion that the impression made on them by Mr. Underwood was excellent.

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Petitions Easily Secured.

The referendum itself was not say vicious, said Mr. Underwood, and he instanced the fact that with safety. State Constitutions and bond issues for public improvements are referred to the vote of the people at large. But the in tlative, in his judgment, was an entirely different proposition. He gave some examples out of his experience with petitions, to indicate how easy it would be to get signatures for any document which any one might wish to have submitted, or for the appointment of any individual, no matter how unworthy.

The burden of his argument was that the principles of government enunciated by Thomas Jefferson are sound and basic; that no forceful argument for the abridgment of representative government has ever come to light, and that such modern formulas of lawmaking as the initiative are dangerous and unnecessary, it is within the power of the people in a republic, he thought, to accomplish anything they may please at the polls, and that they had as well try to breathe the breath of life into a dead body as to provide a remedy for a condition which is intrinsic in themselves.

As to the referendum, he told of the salmon fisheries on the Columbia River, in Oregon, where nets were used in one section and water wheels in another. By the use of legislation by the people, instead of by representatives, the followers of each method forbade the use of the other's devices, with the result that the salmon industry on the river was practically killed.

Has Avoided False Gods.

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Mr. Underwood's position received indersement from at least one source—Richard Evelyn Byrd, Speaker of the House of Delegates, who was first presented by Toastmaster Eppa Hunton, Jr. Mr. Byrd complimented the Ala-bama Congressman's clear voice in opposition to the false gods of the initiative and referendum. He also comamended the vote of the guest of honor against the pension bill—"that assault upon the country at large." Mr. Byrd upon the country at large." Mr. Byrd the pension bill—"that assault upon the country at large." Mr. Byrd also referred to the emigration of men of brains from the South to the North, and spoke of Mr. Underwood as an example of opportunities that exist in

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the 30th by those believed to represent
l'application of the fast running into the country at large," Mr. Byrd
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l'application of the fast running into Chicago,
"Do you yes port
"Think of it!" exclaimed Mr. Roosevoit. "Just think of thai!"

"That part of the story was played
up in black type," replied the reporter.
"It should have been in red," said
Colonel Roosevelt, smilling. "And dripplag at that, Dripping great gouts of
red."

Introducing to the newspaper men
a young man of great physique as "the
brother of the ox-champion annateur
heavyweight boxer of the United
States and a friend of mine." Colonel
Roosevelt remarked: "This goes to
show that I have some friends left,
of your proper in the state."

FROST IN ORANGE GROVE

Temperature in California Lowest in
many Years.

Los Anseles, Cal., December 36.—In
many of the orange districts of Southern California, last night's weather
was the coldest registered in many
yoars. In one section the mercury fell
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standing between C. D. Langhorne spoke briefly.

Mr. Underwood was the last speaker. The progressiveness in the Republican party of to-day, said the Alabamian, is leading toward democracy and not beyond it. He described the Progressive Republican as one heading toward democracy.

Mr. Hunton read a letter from President Edwin A. Aldorman, of the University of Virginia, regretting his inability to be present, and speaking of Air. Underwood as a worthy son of the university.

The following were among the guests:

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Oscar W. Underwood, Senator Claude
A. Swanson, Mayer D. C. Richardson,
Lleutenant-Governor J. Taylor Ellyson,
Rev. George W. McDaniel, D. D., Dr. Leutenant-Governor J. Taylor Ellyson,
Rev. George W. McDaniel, D. D., Dr.,
Goorge Ben Johnston, Eppa Honton,
John Kerr Branch, Speaker Richard,
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John Lamb, Egbert G. Leigh, Ir. John
Stewart Bryan, A. N. Patterson, Edgen and J. Willis, Joseph E. Willard, Q.
D. Langhorne, W. M. Habliston, H. W.
Rountrea, L. Z. Morrig, Oliver 3.